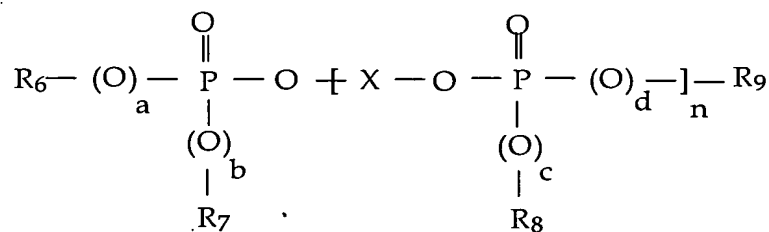


CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

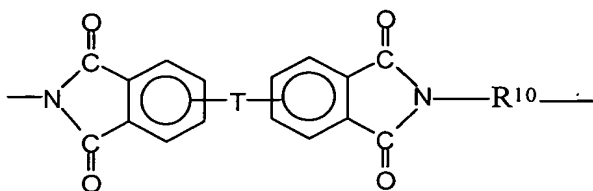
1. A thermoplastic resin composition, comprising:
 - (a) a thermoplastic resin, and
 - (b) a flame-retarding amount of a polyimide compound.
2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the thermoplastic resin comprises a polycarbonate.
3. The composition of claim 2 wherein the thermoplastic resin further comprises a graft copolymer.
4. The composition of claim 1 wherein the composition additionally comprises a flame retardant compound having the formula:



wherein R₆, R₇, R₈ and R₉ are each independently aryl, halo aryl or (C₁-C₆)alkyl substituted aryl, X is arylene, halo arylene or (C₁-C₆)alkyl substituted arylene, a, b, c and d are each independently 0 or 1, and n is an integer from 0 to 5, more preferably from 1 to 5.

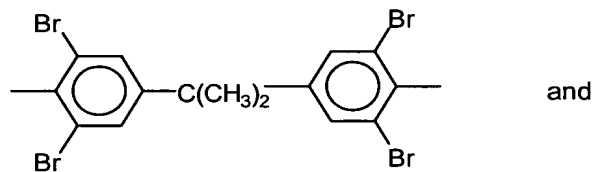
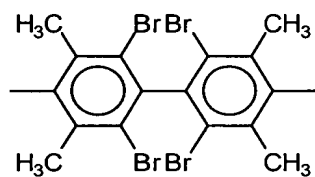
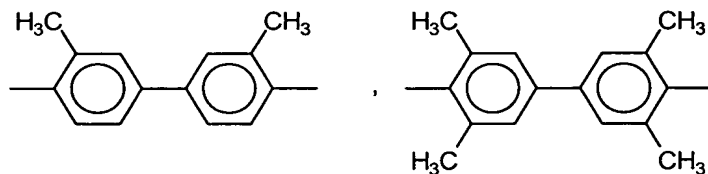
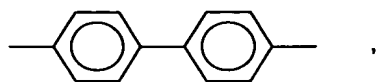
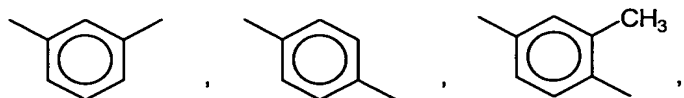
5. The composition of claim 4 wherein the thermoplastic resin comprises a polycarbonate.
6. The composition of claim 5 wherein the thermoplastic resin further comprises a graft copolymer.

7. The composition of claim 6 wherein the polyimide has the formula:
structural units of the formula :

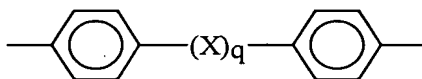


wherein the divalent T moiety bridges the 3,3', 3,4', 4,3', or 4,4' positions of the aryl rings of the respective aryl imide moieties; T is -O- or a group of the formula -O-Z-O- ; Z is a divalent radical selected from the group consisting of formulae:

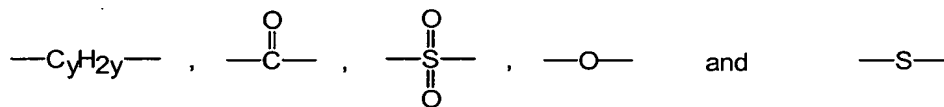
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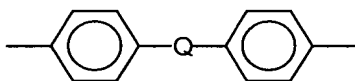
wherein X is a member selected from the group consisting of divalent radicals of the formulae:



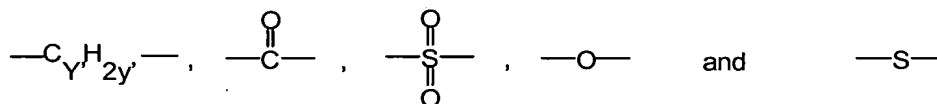
wherein y is an integer from 1 to about 5, and q is 0 or 1; R¹⁰ is a divalent organic radical selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) aromatic hydrocarbon radicals having from 6 to about 20 carbon atoms and halogenated derivatives thereof,
 - (b) alkylene radicals having from 2 to about 20 carbon atoms,
 - (c) cycloalkylene radicals having from 3 to about 20 carbon atoms,
- and

divalent radicals of the general formula:



where Q is a member selected from the group consisting of formulae:



where y' is an integer from about 1 to about 5.

8. The composition of claim 7 wherein the polycarbonate is a polycarbonate comprising bisphenol-A.
9. The composition of claim 8 wherein T is derived from bisphenol-A.
10. The composition of claim 9 wherein R^{10} is

